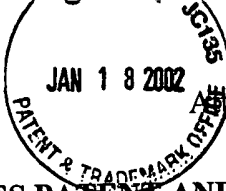


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please insert the Sequence Listing, pages 1-14, at the end of the specification.

REMARKS

Applicants submit a Sequence Listing for the nucleotide sequences and amino acid sequences disclosed in the specification in compliance with the requirements for patent applications containing nucleotide sequences and/or amino acid sequence disclosures. 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825. No new matter is added.

CONCLUSION

On the basis of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit, that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If there are any questions regarding this amendment and remark, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.